IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) Laboratory pipette [[composed particularly of]] comprising a transparent tube comprising one end for sampling a liquid and one suction end into which a piece of fibrous material is inserted with a color corresponding to at least one characteristic of the pipette [[and particularly to its nominal volume]], characterized in that the piece of fibrous material is in the form of a braid of interlaced threads of synthetic fibers, [[the]] said braid being folded such that the fold thus formed is located towards the inside of the pipette.

2. (currently amended) Laboratory pipette according to claim 1, characterized in that [[the]] a braiding occupancy of the braid is normal.

3. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 1, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

4. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 1, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

5. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 1, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

6. (currently amended) Method of identifying at least one characteristic[[, and particularly the nominal volume]] of a laboratory pipette comprising [[composed

particularly of]] a transparent tube comprising one end for sampling a liquid and one suction end into which a piece of fibrous material is inserted with a color corresponding to the characteristic of the pipette,

characterized in that the piece of fibrous material used is in the form of a braid of interlaced threads of synthetic fibers, the method comprising folding the piece of fibrous material [[that is folded]] before insertion and [[is]] then inserting the folded piece [[inserted]] in the suction end, such that [[the]] a fold thus formed is located towards the inside of the pipette.

7. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6, in which the flow velocity of the liquid to be sampled is regulated [[particularly]] by choosing the number of threads in the braid and the weight of the braid per linear meter.

8. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6, characterized in that [[the]] a braiding occupancy of the braid is normal.

9. (previously presented) Method according to claim 6, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

10. (previously presented) Method according to claim 6, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

11. (previously presented) Method according to claim 6, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

12. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 2, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

13. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 2, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

14. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 3, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

15. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 2, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

16. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 3, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

17. (previously presented) Laboratory pipette according to claim 4, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

18. (previously presented) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the braiding occupancy of the braid is normal.

19. (previously presented) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

20. (previously presented) Method according to claim 8, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

21. (previously presented) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

22. (previously presented) Method according to claim 8, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

23. (previously presented) Method according to claim 9, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

24. (previously presented) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

25. (previously presented) Method according to claim 8, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

26. (previously presented) Method according to claim 9, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

27. (previously presented) Method according to claim 10, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.